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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EINV PFOR PINS AO US
SUBJECT: INVITATION TO CABINDA

REF: (A) LISBON 4328, (B) 76 STATE 274333

1. FLEC REP CARLOS PUNA CALLED ON EMBASSY JUNE 14 TO ARRANGE A JUNE 17 EMBASSY MEETING WITH FLEC FOREIGN MINISTER BERNARD BORY, FINANCE MINISTER YUMBA, AND THREE (UNIDENTIFIED) "HIGH-LEVEL" INDIVIDUALS FROM FLEC MILITARY HIGH COMMAND. PUNA DID NOT KNOW WHAT POINTS THEY WOULD RAISE. HE SPECULATED, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WOULD ASK WHETHER FLEC THREAT CAUSED ANY SHIFT IN USG INTENTION TO PRESSURE MOBUTU TO ACT AGAINST FLEC IN CASE OF CABINDA GULF DESTRUCTION (REF A, PARA 1C).

2. PUNA ASSERTED THAT, AS A RESULT OF EUROPEAN AID, FLEC WAS ABLE TO CONSTRUCT "FOUR MISSILE LAUNCHING RAMPS" IN LIBERATED CABINDAN TERRITORY. ONE, HE SAID, WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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AIMED AT GULF INSTALLATIONS. TO VERIFY THIS, PUNA INVITED A USG REPRESENTATIVE TO VISIT CABINDA. HE CLAIMED THAT THIS COULD EASILY BE DONE AS "FREQUENT AIR CONTACT" WAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN LIBREVILLE AND BUCO ZAO. A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN JOURNALISTS, HE SAID, WERE PREPARING TO VISIT CABINDA VIA THIS ROUTE.

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3. OTHER PUNA CLAIMS INCLUDED:
-- A RENEWED FLEC ENCIRCLEMENT OF DINGE;
-- THE RECENT FLEC CAPTURE OF LANDANA;
-- THE SIZEABLE REINFORCEMENT OF CUBAN TROOPS IN CABINDA, IN TWO MOVEMENTS OF 1,500 AND 1,800 MEN RESPECTIVELY, WHICH COMPENSATED FOR THE RECALL TO LUANDA OF 1,000 MEN FOLLOWING THE MAY 27 DISTURBANCES THERE. THE TROOPS ALSO BROUGHT IN HEAVY ARTILLERY.

4. EMBOFF PROMISED TO PASS ALONG INVITATION.
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